

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS WEEK #2

The second week of the Class Football postseason is on tap this week. Among the 64 teams still alive, nine enter with undefeated records (Class A – Mayfield; Class AA – Owensboro Catholic, LaRue County, Breathitt County; Class AAA – Bullitt East; Class AAAA – Henderson County, Male, Trinity (Louisville), Scott County). Monday evening, game dates and times will be released on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/football.

THIRD ROUND FOOTBALL SITES

This is a reminder that per KHSAA Tournament Rules, the team with the highest seed will host the third round (Regional Championship). Should teams with the same seed meet, the team representing the even-numbered District shall host the game - given it is an even-numbered year (2002). In odd-numbered years, the odd-numbered district hosts.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS

Eighth-Player State Championship – Ky. State University, Alumni Stadium, Frankfort
Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m. (ET)

Class Championships – Ky. Fair & Exposition Center, Cardinal Stadium, Louisville.
Friday, Dec. 6

Class A, 12 p.m. (ET); Class AA, 4 p.m. (ET)

Saturday, Dec. 7

Class AAA, 12 p.m. (ET); Class AAAA, 4 p.m. (ET).

FOOTBALL NOTES

(Taken from Member School Reports to the KHSAA)

Jordan Newton ran 14 times for 219 yards and two touchdowns in helping LaRue County defeat Casey County, 49-7. On the year, Newton has run for 100-plus yards in eight of 11 games. Brandon Embry had 102 yards on the ground in the game, giving him 3 games with 100-plus yards. Jarrod Butler had 81 yards in the contest. He also has three games where he has ran for 100-plus yards.

Despite suffering a 43-35 loss to Pulaski County, Fairdale's Doug Cherry broke Bulldogs' Head Coach Mike Gossett's school records for scoring and rushing. Cherry has career numbers of 254 rushing attempts, 2,672 yards, 40 rushing touchdowns and 278 points. In the game against Pulaski County, Cherry ran 16 times for 271 yards and three touchdowns.

Malcolm Tillman ran 32 times for 212 yards and a touchdown as Eastern defeated Conner, 22-7. Tillman also returned an interception 73 yards for a touchdown and finished with nine solo tackles and one assist on defense.

Monroe County set a single-game school scoring record with 75 points in a 75-35 win over Trigg County. Zack Grace has set new school single-season records with 12 touchdown receptions and 1,360 yards receiving this season.

Joey Casey was his own Blue Tornado, running 28 times for 417 yards and five touchdowns as Paducah Tilghman defeated Franklin-Simpson, 55-21.

Carroll County's 52-43 win over Fleming County was the school's first playoff win since 1985. In the contest, the Panthers amassed 606 total yards on offense (256 passing, 350 rushing).

Carson Kerr now holds the Paul Dunbar career record for PATs with 81. Aaron Mason is averaging 135.3 all-purpose yards per game for the 7-4 Bulldogs.

Alex Fendrick of Henderson County surpassed the 1,000-yards rushing mark in a season for the second consecutive year as Henderson County defeated Owensboro 49-7. Fendrick had 127 yards and three touchdowns in the game, giving him 1,034 yards on the year. Tanner Siewert has now converted 64 of 68 PATs on the year, increasing his school record for career PATs to 114.

Male's Michael Bush passed for 214 yards, completing 12 of 18 pass attempts for three touchdowns in a 41-24 win over Nelson County. Bush also added a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown. Sergio Spencer ran 12 times for 47 yards and a touchdown and returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. Bryant Beck had three receptions for 82 yards and two touchdowns (26 and 35 yards).

Mason County's Dustin Grutza passed for 276 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 80 yards and three touchdowns in the Royals' 47-0 win over Mercer County. Grutza set the tone for the evening for Mason County, scoring on a 60-yard run on Mason County's first play.

Ryne Salyer completed 18 of 19 passes for 198 yards and five touchdowns in the first half in helping Ashland Blazer to a 55-0 win over Cawood. Salyer now holds the school record for career passing yards with 2,817, surpassing the old mark of Scott Crank of 2,710 set in 1981. Salyer has 1,137 games on the year, having only played in six games due to a broken wrist suffered in week two of the regular season.

SWEET 16® TASK FORCE MEETING SCHEDULED

The Sweet 16® Task Force Committee will hold its second meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. The committee was created by mandate from House Bill 593 and was introduced by Representative Rocky Adkins of Ashland. The committee is studying the format of the Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournaments and will make a recommendation for changes, if any, to the KHSAA Board of Control for final consideration.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold its November meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 19-20, at the Association office in Lexington. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hancock County, Bobby Curtis of St. Xavier and Carmen Mims of Mercy all repeated as State Champions at the 2002 KHSAA State Cross Country Championships held last Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Hancock County repeated in Girls' Class A as the Hornets had four of the race's top 11 runners. Bobby Curtis of St. Xavier, who set a state record with a time of 15:06.0 last year, finished in a time of 15:24.19 in gusty wind conditions to win the Boys' Class AAA individual title. Curtis finished the race 20 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Kal Clark of South Oldham. Carmen Mims captured the Girls' Class AA race in a time of 18:52.34.

Complete results are posted online at www.khsaa.org/cross_country.

HOW TO GET INFO/NOTES IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

The KHSAA requests assistance from its member schools and media outlets to aid in the compilation and dissemination of notes of interest, coach's association polls and upcoming events in all sports. Information should be forwarded to the KHSAA, attention Butch Cope, by 1 p.m. (ET) on Monday of each week. You may e-mail (bcope@khsaa.org) the information or fax it to the KHSAA at (859) 293-5999. Information received will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the Association. The KHSAA strives to publicize all of its sports to the fullest extent and appreciates any and all assistance.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, NOV. 18, 2002.